

State of

Iohn Hoeven Governor

PROCLAMATION

188TH NORTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BAND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

APRIL 1, 2009

WHEREAS, the 188th North Dakota Army National Guard Band has provided 50 years of outstanding musical support and unwavering service to the state of North Dakota, the North Dakota Army National Guard, and local and state veterans associations; and

WHEREAS, through 1,500 performances, members of the 188th Army Band have brought great credit and international acclaim to the North Dakota Army National Guard and the state of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the 188th Army Band has consistently upheld the tradition and heritage of the U.S. Army and the North Dakota Army National Guard, celebrated the spirit of the citizen soldier and memorialized those who gave "the last full measure of devotion."

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby recognize the 188th NORTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BAND as it celebrates 50 years of service and musical excellence, and for the valuable contributions its members have made to the North Dakota Army National Guard, our veterans, our state and this nation.

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